

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A system for accessing and updating information stored in a central location by a remote worker, said system comprising:

a central store for information; and

a mobile telephone for use by said remote worker to interrogate and update said store and in which said mobile telephone includes a Text To Speech (TTS) system for enabling said information to be output aurally.

2. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 1, in which said mobile telephone includes an automatic speech recognition (ASR) system for enabling said remote worker to interrogate said store aurally.

3. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 1\, in which said information is subject to data encryption.

4. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 1, in which said information concerns medical information and said remote worker is a medical practitioner.

5. (Original) A method of accessing and updating information stored in a central location by a remote worker using a mobile telephone; said method comprises

interrogating said central store using said mobile telephone;

receiving said information by said mobile telephone; and

updating said information stored in said central store using said mobile telephone.

6. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 5, in which said mobile telephone includes a Text To Speech (TTS) system for enabling said information to be output by said TTS system.

7. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 5, in which said mobile telephone includes an automatic speech recognition (ASR) system for enabling said remote worker to interrogate said store aurally.
8. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 5, further comprising encrypting said information before accessing and updating.
9. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 5, in which said information concerns medical information and said remote worker is a medical practitioner.
10. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 2, in which said information is subject to data encryption.
11. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 2, in which said information concerns medical information and said remote worker is a medical practitioner.
12. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 3, in which said information concerns medical information and said remote worker is a medical practitioner.
13. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 6, in which said mobile telephone includes an automatic speech recognition (ASR) system for enabling said remote worker to interrogate said store aurally.
14. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 6, further comprising encrypting said information before accessing and updating.
15. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 7, further comprising encrypting said information before accessing and updating.
16. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 6, in which said information concerns medical information and said remote worker is a medical practitioner.
17. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 7, in which said information concerns medical information and said remote worker is a medical practitioner.

18. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 8, in which said information concerns medical information and said remote worker is a medical practitioner.

19. (New) A data communication system comprising:
a central store that stores information; and
a Text to Speech (TTS) system,
wherein the Text to Speech system is arranged to receive voice signals, to convert those voice signals into text, and to send said text to said central store, thereby to update said information in the central store.